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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/761,813
Filed: January 21, 2004
Applicants: Theresa Ernest and Kimberly L. Tomes
Title: **Disposable Urine Collection Device**
Our File No.: 24126.3

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the following documents for filing in the above referenced application:

1. Amendment (7 sheets);
2. Interview Summary (2 sheets);
3. Terminal Disclaimer (1 sheet);
4. Information Disclosure Statement (2 sheets);
5. Copies of nonpatent literature documents listed in the Information Disclosure Statement (15 sheets); and
6. Acknowledgment postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3483.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXAMINER: Khoa D. Huynh

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

An interview was conducted between Examiner Khoa Huynh and Applicant's attorneys, Courtenay B. Allen and David G. Henry, in person at the Examiner's office on April 6, 2006 regarding the above referenced application. Applicant's attorneys demonstrated a prototype of Applicant's invention. The following references were discussed: Olson (U.S. 5,301,806), Zhao et al. (U.S. 6,514,602), Oster (U.S. 5,473,789), Osborn III et al. (U.S. 5,885,265), and Olson (EP 0788327). New claims 20-23 were discussed. Applicant's attorneys pointed out that none of the references of record discloses Applicant's claimed invention, and the combination of references as set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action of February 3, 2006 would destroy the utility of those references for their stated purposes, and thus those references do not render Applicant's claimed invention obvious. Applicant's attorneys also directed the Examiner's attention to the additional references cited in the attached Information Disclosure Statement, which indicate that Applicant's claimed invention solves a long felt but heretofore unsolved need and is therefore not obvious in view of the references of record. Agreement was reached that claims 20-23 are patentable over the references of record. The Examiner indicated that he would conduct some further searching upon submission of the attached Amendment.

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